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FOR THE SECRETARY ONLY VIA FRANK WISNER (S/S)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM

SUBJECT: SSOD

1. USG HOPES TO INTRODUCE ONE OR MORE SIGNIFICANT NEW INITIATIVES AT THE SSOD. WE ARE CONSIDERING A SPECTRUM OF POSSIBLE ARMS CONTROL INITIATIVES INCLUDING SUCH AREAS AS NON-PROLIFERATION, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AND REGIONAL ARMS CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS. THESE ARE COMPLICATED ISSUES AND WILL TAKE TIME TO DEVELOP A COORDINATED USG POSITION.

(FYI: AS YOU RECALL, YOU APPROVED THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES TO BE PURSUED WITHIN USG: (1) SECURITY ASSURANCES, (2). CUT-OFF AND TRANSFER, (3) DISARMAMENT/ DEVELOPMENT LINK, (4) PREFERENCES FOR NPT PARTIES, (5) STABILIZING MEASURES, (6) NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS AGREEMENT.

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OF THESE, ONLY 3, 4 AND 5 HAVE BEEN SURFACED IN INTERAGENCY BACKSTOPPING COMMITTEE. YOU HAVE ASKED THE PRESIDENT TO COMMISSION URGENTLY A STUDY OF ITEM 2, AND WE INTEND TO PURSUE ITEM 1 ON THE INTERAGENCY STAFF LEVEL. WE HAVE NOT YET DISCUSSED ANY POSSIBLE SPECIFIC INITIATIVES EVEN IN CONTACTS WITH ALLIES. END FYI).

2. WHILE USG POSITION ON POSSIBLE CHANGES IN UN ARMS CONTROL MACHINERY STILL BEING EVALUATED WE WILL WEIGH SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCH CHANGES WITH AN OPEN MIND. IF INTEGRITY OF CCD AS NEGOTIATING BODY IS MAINTAINED, INCLUDING CONSENSUS DECISION-MAKING, WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO CO-CHAIRMANSHIP.

3. ON THE QUESTION OF TIMING OF FUTURE CONSULTATIONS, WE WOULD BE OF PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN CONSULTING WITH VENEZUELANS ON PREPARATION OF CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS DURING THE 5TH PREPCOM BEGINNING ON APRIL 4 AND THEREAFTER. (FYI: WE CANNOT EXPECT REALISTICALLY TO BE ABLE TO SURFACE MANY, IF ANY NEW INITIATIVES IN ADVANCE OF THE SPECIAL SESSION ITSELF. ONCE WE ARE READY TO MOVE FORWARD, WE INTEND TO CONDUCT CONSULTATIONS WITH KEY NON-ALIGNED STATES, AND EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES, AND ALLIES.) END FYI.
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